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Report of the Working Group established pursuant to General Assembly decision 59/547 to finalize the text of a United Nations declaration on human cloning

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I. Introduction

1. The Working Group of the Sixth Committee established pursuant to General Assembly decision 59/547 of 23 December 2004 to finalize the text of a United Nations declaration on human cloning, on the basis of the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Declaration on Human Cloning" (A/C.6/59/L.26), and to report to the Sixth Committee during the fifty-ninth session, met on 14, 15 and 18 February 2005.

2. In accordance with that decision, the Chairman of the Sixth Committee, Mohamed Bennouna (Morocco), served as Chairman of the Working Group and the members of the Bureau of the Sixth Committee, namely Ram Babu Dhakal (Nepal), Carlos Fernando Diaz Paniagua (Costa Rica), Csaba Simon (Hungary) and Anna Sotaniemi (Finland), served as Friends of the Chairman. The Working Group was open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

3. The Working Group held two meetings and four informal consultations.

4. The Working Group had before it the report of the Sixth Committee (A/59/516 and Corr.1), which contained, inter alia, the text of the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Declaration on Human Cloning" (A/C.6/59/L.26). It also had available for reference purposes the revised text of the information document prepared by the Secretariat containing, inter alia, a list of relevant international instruments on human cloning (A/AC.263/2002/INF/1/Rev.1).

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5. The Working Group considered its report at its 2nd meeting, on 18 February.

II. Proceedings of the Working Group

6. The Working Group considered the text of a draft United Nations declaration on human cloning at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 14 and 18 February, and during informal consultations on 14 and 15 February, on the basis of the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Declaration on Human Cloning" (A/C.6/59/L.26) as well as oral proposals made by delegations. The text of the draft declaration appears in document A/C.6/59/L.27/Add.1.

III. Recommendation and conclusion

7. At its 2nd meeting, on 18 February, the Working Group decided to refer the present report to the Sixth Committee for its consideration.